HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1068

By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert Christensen Callahan of Bristol.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly learned of the passing of Robert Callahan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callahan was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, originally from Connecticut, Robert Callahan moved to Bristol in 1958 and became a highly respected member of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callahan worked for Goode Motors before he served with acumen and alacrity as the owner and operator of Bob Callahan Dodge, in which position he earned the respect of his staff and customers alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he continued to stimulate the Bristol community's economy with the establishment of another business venture, Bob Callahan Realtors; and

WHEREAS, Robert Callahan was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Callahan enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Julia Winston Callahan, and his children and their spouses Cyndy Thomas and her husband, Bill; Ceil Wheeler and her husband, Kenneth; Robert Craig Callahan; Charles Patrick Callahan; Lynn Godsey Powers and her husband, Jud; and Edwin Godsey and his wife, Jenny; and

WHEREAS, he was the doting grandfather of Catherine Mason; Sallie Mason; Julia Rainero and her husband, John; Audra Jones and her husband, Blair; Nat Powers; Ed Powers; Sara Godsey; and Anna Godsey; he will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by his great-grandson, Judson, in addition to countless other relatives, friends, and acquaintances; and

WHEREAS, Robert Callahan leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert Christensen Callahan, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Robert Callahan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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